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Briefs

Uxbridge

Pee Wees edge Richmond Hill

Chris Begg's outstanding pitching was matched only by his team's strong defensive support as the Uxbridge James Campbell Insurance Pee Wee No Faults edged the Richmond Hill Majors 2-1 Monday night.

Jeff Doble and Trevor Catherwood provided the hitting for the No Faults, each collecting three hits and an RBI.

The Uxbridge defence was dazzling as the Campbell crew earned its fourth win in its last five games.

Chris Bell made an over the shoulder catch near the warning track in left field. Doble, playing right field, gunned down a Richmond Hill runner at home plate in the fourth inning.

Shortstop Matt Blowe contributed a pair of running catches, while catcher Jay White played his usual impressive game behind the plate.

The win upped the No Faults league record to nine wins, five losses and a tie.

Stouffville

Taylor Christmas Trees defeated

Bangay Construction held on to defeat Taylor Christmas Trees 13-10 in Tuesday Night Ladies Slo-Pitch action July 16.

Sabrina Philipov smashed a home run for Taylor.

In the other game, it was Colley, Borland, and Vale dumping Phil Faulkner Auctions by a 24-14 count.

Jennifer Gray homered for Faulkner.

Ladies win consolation title

For the second time this month, a team made up of players from the Monday Night Ladies Fun Softball League has captured the Consolation title at an out-of-town tournament.

This time, it was a competition held in Keswick July 20 which saw the Stouffville ladies walk away with the runner up prize.

In ladies league action this week, it was A Floral Touch besting Fame International 13-8, Stouffville Pizzeria over Burd's Trout Fishing by a 24-14 count, and Lullabies and Laughter downing Barry Welding 21-10.



Photo by JOERD WITTEVEEN

He's...safe!

Uxbridge Lions' Chris Carter scores as Optimist catcher, David Verschuren, loses his grasp of the ball during Uxbridge house league play at Joseph Gould Public School diamond Tuesday.

Selects top ten-team tourney

The Stouffville Selects kept their perfect season alive, capturing the 10-team Richmond Hill tournament Saturday.

The Selects, who have yet to lose a game this summer, came back from an 8-0 deficit to edge East Gwillimbury 11-10 in an extra inning championship contest.

With the score knotted at nine after the regulation number of innings had been played, the Stouffville crew surrendered a single run in the top half of the first additional frame.

But key hits by Chris Lee, Mike Capotosto, and Keith Lehman, gave Stouffville two runs and the title in the bottom of the inning.

Lehman's pitching was also a decisive factor in the big win.

The Selects opened the tourney with a 15-3 win over Bradford. They then pounded Newmarket 24-4 before earning their ticket to the finals with a mercy-shortened 21-2 defeat of Bridlewood.

The Selects will hold their own tournament at the town park the weekend of Aug. 2.

Merchants host Toronto Spirit Sunday

Stouffville pitching ace Jim Chilvers returns to the scene of past glory this Sunday, as his Toronto Spirit men's fastball team comes to town for an exhibition double header against the Ontario Junior champion Stouffville Merchants.

The Merchants have arranged the afternoon twin bill with the Senior A Spirit as a fund raiser to help put together the over \$25,000 needed to make the trip to St. John's Newfoundland, for the Canadian Junior Men's Championships in August.

Admission to Sunday's games will be free, but fans will be encouraged to contribute by way of a 50-50 draw, and by purchasing tickets for a raffle for a side of beef or \$500.

Chilvers was a member of the

Stouffville Betz Pools men's fastball team which won the Ontario Intermediate B crown their first year as a unit in 1987.

Sunday's action takes place at the main diamond, with the first game beginning at 2 p.m.

The Merchants were presented with a cheque for \$2,500 from the Stouffville Community Ball Association before Wednesday night's game at the town park.

The fans who came down to Memorial Park last Thursday night to watch the Stouffville Merchants take on Bowmanville could be forgiven for thinking they had stumbled across a ping-pong game.

With the pitchers on both teams leaving their best stuff at home, the

Bandits beat Mennos in first place battle

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It was the boys against the men at the Uxpool diamond Monday night.

And when the battle was over and the Uxbridge Bandits had defeated the visiting Markham Mennos 2-0, the boys had earned a split decision.

For Bob Ferguson, the 16-year-old rookie rightfielder for the Bandits, it was a case of David taming Goliath. Ferguson reached base all three times up, and was instrumental in the Bandits' second run.

But for Mennos pitcher Byron Baranieski, the 20-year-old junior sensation who recently led the Stouffville Merchants to the Ontario Junior Men's championship, it was a case of being outdone by his adult counterpart.

Bandits' ace hurler Randy Underwood was near perfect, shutting the Mennos down on just one hit to give the Uxbridge squad its first win of the season over the Markham crew.

Underwood struck out 10 and was in complete control throughout. He was given strong support by his defence. Don Ferguson's catch of a hooking drive to left field prevented the Mennos from mounting a seventh inning rally.

The Bandits struck early, scoring their first run on a two-out first-inning rally. Gary Brown singled, moved to second on a passed ball, then came home on a single by Don Haley.

They added an insurance marker in the sixth when Don and Bob Ferguson stroked back to back singles to lead off the inning, with Don ending up on third base.

Bob made a dash for second, and when the Markham catcher attempted to throw him out, Don scampered home.

Bandits player-coach Steve Yake said his team had caught the Mennos short staffed, and took full advantage. They were missing some of their regulars, whereas we were in pretty good shape. And Randy pitched a great game for us.

The victory enabled the Bandits to take over first place in the North Durham Men's Fastball League standings.

The Bandits play a rare Monday night road game this Monday when they travel to Aurora.

Choko Squirts take Falls tournament

The Stouffville Choko Design Squirts gave up only four runs in as many games en route to their championship victory at the Niagara Falls Squirt tournament last weekend.

The Choko squad got shutout pitching from Kevin Hackert, along with home runs from Dan Tardella and Rod Spytz, as they bested Stittsville 9-0 in the title match.

Carmen Auciello banged a triple in the deciding contest.

The Stouffville outfit thumped Pickering 25-2 in their opener. Pitchers Andrew Harper and Bob Lewis gave up only three hits, with Tardella clubbing a grand slam homer in a nine-run Stouffville second-inning outburst.

Harper also had a round tripper, while Bill Wray collected three singles. Brett Boyd had a pair of safeties.

Tardella homered again in Choko's 13-1 second game win over the host crew. Brad Johnston and Lewis combined to limit the Falls team to just three hits.

Ryan King and Hackert each chipped in with two singles.

In game three, Lewis tossed a three hitter, and Spytz tripled, as Choko downed Bramalea 8-1. Mark Meyer and Hackert had two singles each.

In league play last week, the Squirts dumped Richmond Hill 18-5 on Monday, before claiming a 13-3 victory over Pickering Wednesday. Lewis, Johnston, and Harper looked after the pitching in the two games, while Tardella and Spytz homered.

Wray had three hits against Pickering. Eva Cain, Auciello, Spytz and Johnston had two-hit games.

hitters had a field day, as the game ended in a 10-10 tie.

The Merchants drew first blood, striking for a run in the first inning to take a 1-0 lead.

The visitors scored three times in the second frame to go ahead, before the Merchants squared things in their half of the inning.

Bowmanville added a trio of runs in the fourth, and plated a singleton in the fifth. But the Stouffville squad matched that with a four-run outburst in the home half of the fifth.

Bowmanville hit for another three scores in the sixth, with the Merchants rallying for three of their own in the seventh to earn the draw.

Darren Crawford swung the big

stick for the Ontario Champion Merchants, slugging a home run and a double.

Ryan McIntyre bashed a triple, while Chris Burkholder, Steve Cooper, and Mike Clausner all stroked doubles in the free swinging affair.

Craig Crawford picked up a pair of singles.

Merchants' ace pitcher Byron Baranieski started the game, but was forced to leave the pitching rubber when he developed a sore thumb.

Merchants' manager Mary Myers didn't think her team had performed up to its potential.

"They didn't play well," said Myers. "That's about all you can say."